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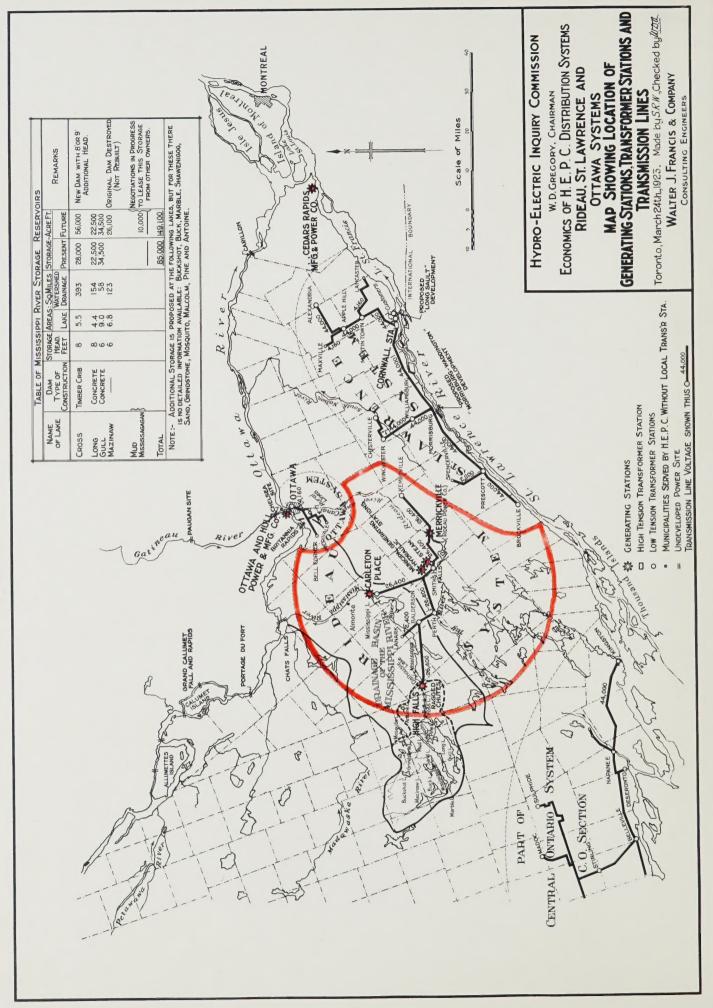
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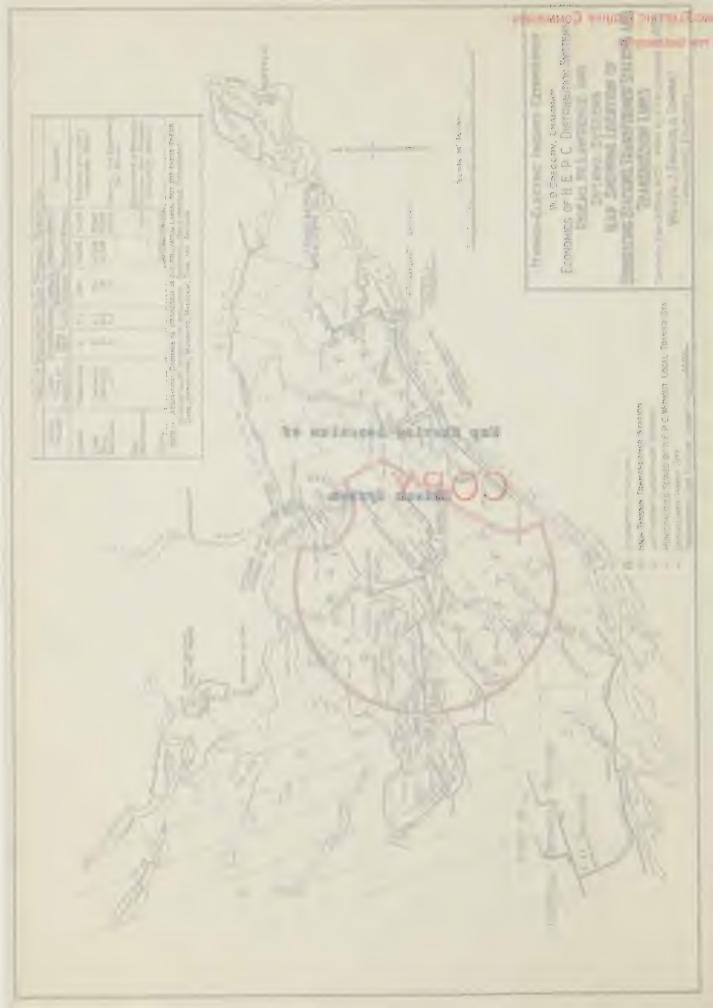
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Torente, Ontario, September 25th, 1: 9 2 3 .

Eydro-Electric Inquiry Commission. W. D. Gregory, Esq., Chairman, Toronto, Ontario.

· re: General Report - Rideau System

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, a general report on the Rideau System has been made, along the lines approved of by the Jomalssion on January 2nd. The work has been done under my direct personal supervising as per your instructions.

The reports of Messrs. Price, saterhouse & Company and Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon & Dilworth, together with the report on this system by the Commission's Consulting Engineer. Mr. "It To Districts, have been used in the preparation of his eport. He public hearing was held in connection with this system.

The report falls naturally into two parts. The first part includes sections entitled "Historical Sketch", "Physical" and "deneral Sconomics". Shees sections are largely a recital of facts. The second part of the report entitled "Summary" is morely intended to direct attention to those points which appear to require special consideration by the Commission.

Particular attention is directed to a subsection of the report entitled "Addenda", which deals with the revision recently made in the reserve for renewals account.

All figures used in this report have been carefully checked by a representative of Messrs. Price, beterhouse
& Company. Reports forming the basis of this report are
appended hereto, and in order to facilitate reference to
the documents in question, on the right-hand margin of the
report throughout will be found abbreviated references.

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The Rideau System, as at present constituted, has resulted from the efforts of the municipalities of Porth. Smith's Falls and Carleton Place, which were desirous of having a source of power which would be adequate to take care of their industrial growth. During the years 1916 and 1917 these municipalities began to negotiate for a supply of power from the Commission. At that time the municipalities in this district, now comprised in the Eldeau System, were supplied by small electric power plants which were either municipally owned or were the property of small private companies. A number of these small hydro-electric plants situated on the Mississippi, Aldeau and Tay Rivers were very worlously affected by low water pariods, and several auxiliary steam plants were required to maintain service. The Rideau Power Company at Morrickville was the only company with sufficient excess capacity to consider the sale of power at any distance from the generating station.

The Commission, after investigating the requirements of the district and considering the various possible sources of power supply, apparently came to the conclusion

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district was to develop the power locally, and steps
were taken to purchase the privately-owned rights in the
undeveloped power site at High Palls on the Mississippi
River. The Order-in-Council permitting the purchase was
dated July 4th, 1918, and the purchase price was \$10,478.

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puring this period, 1917 to 1918, the municipalities of Perth, Smith's Falls and Carloton Place, with
the aid of the Commission, entered into negotiations for
the purchase of the local power plants from the private
companies which owned and operated them.

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In path lifter a valuation had been made by the engineers of the dommission, the town took over the remaining two of the three local hydro-electric plants and the steam plant, the distributing systems, and also the water works. In each of the two hydro-electric plants acquired, known as the "Badour" and the "Glen Tay", the 132-cycle generators were later replaced by the installation of one 200-kilowatt, 3-phase, 60-cycle, 2,200-volt generator, and the steam-electric plant was discarded. The third local hydro-electric plant was already owned by the municipality and was used for street lighting only.

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In Smith's Falls, the plants and distributing systems of the Smith's Falls Electric Company and the Citisens Electric Company were taken over by the municipality and

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On January 25th, 1918, the Commission entered AWARD FAIR THE DOORS OFFICE FOR KNOWN ATTO into an agreement with the Ridonu Power Company, Limited, dictar 1340, by the ferminable to the wint of the party at Merrickville, for the purchase of a supply of power. THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE PERSON AND PARTY OF THE PA plant was stated to have a capacity of 1000 horse-power, and speem, and to gree assert of the view at Maleton finns the Commission agreed to purchase a minimum of 500 horse-power MANAGE SILL STYLESSON AND SECURIS. SALTS. for 20 years at \$14.00 per horse-power per annum; the quantity of power to be increased, if required, until the ultimate supply reached the total available capacity of the plant after first supplying the requirements of the municipality many the southfree littles of the olders, without of of Merrickville, which also purchases power direct from the PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONS ASSESSED TO A PROPERTY OF THE PERSONS ASSESSED. company.

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Since the autumn of 1918 the domnission has been bested one any take undertay on from making holds, and supplied with some power from this company, the amounts the time of Goods's Bulls some purplied hith averaging 669 horse-power in 1919, 479 horse-power in 1920, THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE OWNER. 363 horse-power in 1921, and about 400 horse-power in 1922. MARKET SPREADER. OF ASSETS, 1910, Mark was abouted to a as the company could not fulfil its obligations to supply a selection like tree sould's foliar to foothe said minimum of 500 horse-power after providing for the Merrickthe little little much hapen to have person from ville requirements, the Commission did not pay for the full management. In 1920 of 15th here done by North 500 horse-power, but only for the amount actually taken as or ralle, a didness of county-one other, this lines above.

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electric power plant on the Mississippi River at the Day Aven All P. the medical big up outlet of Mississippi Lake, and the distributing system, both of which were owned and operated by H. Brown & Bons. These properties were purchased by the municipality the dealers or required while the on May 1st, 1919, and the power plant was taken over on May 20th, 1919, by the Commission to be used as an extra artifestion reported and their little deported by source of supply for the municipalities of the Rideau have many that great at long places, the Publisher, to, the Statut of System, and to give control of the river at Carleton Place. sold, all b. aspect Land Am Shortley Co. to

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Pending the development of High Falls, which was built between October, 1918, and June, 1920, power was obtained by the Company from the Rideau Power Company Y at Merrickville, under the contract alroady mentioned, to serve the municipalities of the Rideau System. A 26,400-ALL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AND ADDR volt transmission line between the generating station at Merrickville and Smith's Falls was constructed, being E DAPART AN EUR ALUXAS TRY LOS BOY STRONG TO AN ADE tested and put into service on September 15th, 1918, and THE RESPONDED TO THE PERSON WHEN PERSON HAVE BEEN THE PERSON THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO IS NAMED IN COLUMN TWO the town of Smith's Falls was supplied with power from that American and American Stee Assess of Address Street, Excludes Philadelphia date. This marked the beginning of the operation of the to Making some A completed who detailed in Cartesian like the Rideau Systom. In April, 1918, work was started on a MANAGER STREET, PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY NAMED IN transmission line from Smith's Falls to Porth, and on February 18th, 1919, Porth began to take power from the IN MANY ARRY AND A CHE STREET GARD OF THE PARTY In 1918 a line was constructed from Perth to Commission. Stated of the property was pure labor deprisons, And the Proof Paris High Falls, a distance of twenty-one miles, this line being at first used to transmit power from the Merrickville generating station to High Palls for construction purposes and later to carry power from the High Falls plant to the burker the house park at TVIV and the month

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Rideau System. On May let. 1919, the municipality of Carleton Place took possession of the above-mentioned generating and distributing system then owned and operated by M. Brown & Sons. The Commission arranged with the municipality of Carleton Place that the municipality should retain the distributing system and that the Commission should take over the generating plant for \$60,000.00. An Order-in-Council dated May 20th, 1919, authorized the Commission to purchase this plant, which, as already stated, is located on the Mississippi River just below Mississippi Lake and has a capacity (1994) Say herse-power at 80 per cent.

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when this hydro-electric plant was purchased by the Commission, the municipality of Carleton Place became a partner in the Rideau System and was supplied with the full capacity of the development. A transmission line was constructed during the summer of 1919 from Carleton Place to High Falls and completed the connection between the development at Carleton Place and the Rideau Power Company's plant at Merrickville.

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On May lat, 1920, the first unit of the High Falls development was put into sorvice, and on June 26th the two other units were made available, making the rated capacity of this plant 2,800 electrical horse-power at 80 per cent. power factor.

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> part of 1920 the municipalities of Smith's Palls and Porth were greatly handicapped by the shortage of power at Merrickville due to lack of water in the Rideau Canal. This necessitated the temporary operation of the steam plant at Smith's Falls, resulting in a large increase in operating expenses. The shortage was relieved when the first unit at High Falls was put into service on May 1st. 1920 -

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At October 31st, 1921, the Jommission was supplying power to four municipalities, namely, Carleton Place. Smith's Falls. Porth and Lanark, the latter being served by a 2,440- walt lime from the distributing station in the village of Baldarson through which the 26,400-volt line between Forth and High Falls passes. Since October, 1921, the system has continued to expand, a rural class distributing station having been constructed to supply the village of Kemptville, the village of Balderson being supplied from the Balderson station. On March lat, 1922, the Commission agreed to supply the Grenville Grushed Rock Company, Limited, of the town of Smith's Falls, with 650 electrical herse-power at \$45.00 per horse-power per annum for a period of four years from April 1st, 1922. This agreement may be extended for further teams of one year each, upon the mutual agreement of both parties.

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During the winter of 1922-1923 extreme low water conditions have existed on the Riseissippi River, resulting in a shortage of several hundred horse-power at the Righ Falls plant and at Merrickville. This made it necessary to operate the hydro-electric plant at Carleton Flace and one of the numicipal plants at Smith's Falls.

power at the High Palls plant, the Commission proposes that additions to and improvements in the water storage be made by bulkfing new dams at the lakes at the headwaters of the Hississippi River during the year 1925.

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The Rideau System lies north and west of the St. Lawrence System and south and west of the Ottawa System. It extends about fifty miles north and south, and fifty miles east and west, and includes within its boundaries the County of Lanark and parts of the Counties of Grenville, Leeds, Frontenac, Renfrew and Carleton.

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of one 2.800 herse-power hydro-electric generating plant on the Mississipi (NVF) Y High Falls, one 530 horse-power generating station on the same river at Carleton Place, together with transmission lines feeding six municipalities and one company. A certain amount of rural load will probably be supplied in the near future.

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Generating Stations and Other Saurces of Power Supply

(a) High Falls Plant

The High Falls plant, developed by the Commission, is the largest generating station on the system. It is located on the Mississippi River in the southern part of lanark County, about twenty-five miles north-east of Porth and one-half mile above Dalhousie Lake. The watershed area of the Mississippi above this site is about 450 square miles.

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The Construction Department of the Commission, which handled the whole of the development, built a concrete dam about 510 feet long and 25 feet maximum height across the head of the falls, providing a local pondage of about 300,000,000 oubic feet available for daily peak operation. An intake channel, about 8 feet wide at the bottom, extending for a distance of 247 feet upstream from the gate-house section at the north and of the dam, has been excavated. The gatehouse substructure, which is built as part of the dam is 27 feet wide by 30 feet long, and has a height of 22 feet to the bottom of the superstructure. Its water section marrows down to a reinforced concrete albow 10 feet in diameter, which connects to a continuous wood-stave pipe of the same size. The water is led through this pine a distance of 320 feet to the turbines which operate at a mean not head of 78 foot and a minimum not head of 76 feet. The gross head is about 81.5 feet. The power house, situated on the river bank, is about 94 feet long by 62 fost wide, and is built entirely of concrete. The three horisontal, double-runner, double discharge turbines were purchased at a low cost from the Hannawa Falls Power IN SECURITY SAME AND TOUGHT OF PERSONS FROM IN THE PERSON NAMED IN Company of Potsdam, New York, and were built by the James up then maked to be approach Loffel Company at Springfield, Mass. They are rated at TANK IN AND THEN AND AND UP TO REAL PROPERTY. 1.200 horse-power each at 500 revolutions per minute under 京京·京河 作為後期 阿丁辛斯岛的代理人 a head of 80 feet. No to the state of the state of

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2,800 electrica (here power at 80 per cent. power factor in accordance with the ordinary rating of the Commission.

It is stated that it requires about 540 cubic feet of water per second when operating at maximum peak capacity.

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(b) Carleton Place Plant

Besides the High Falls plant the Rideau System
includes a hydro-electric power development located on the
same rivor, the Mississippi, at Carleton Place. This plant
is owned by the Commission and is maintained as a standby.
A dam 400 feet long and varying in height from 5 feet to 12
feet impounds the water over an area stated to be approximately
lo square miles. The water is led from the dam by means of
four open penstocks each 14% feet wide and 24 feet long th
the power house. The mean head at the turbines is 10.5 feet

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and the minimum head 9 feet. The hydraulic equipment consists of three Samson Leffel vertical turbines each of about 280 horse-power capacity, connected by grown gears to one horisontal shaft. Two horisontal generators, one of 250 K.W. and the other of 150 K.W. capacity are belted to this shaft. These generators are both 5-phase, 60-cycle, 600 revolutions per minute, 2,200 volt machines built by the Ganadian General Electric Company. Three 250-K.V.A., station transfermers step up the voltage from 2,200 volts to 26,400 volts, for transmission over the lines of the system.

overhauled and rendjusted, has a capacity of approximately

535 electrical horse-power at 80% power factor in accordance

with the rating of the Commission.

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(c) Storage Reservoirs

headwaters of the Mississippi, water storage of 2,620,000,000 cubic feet has been developed by the Mississippi Improvement Company, by means of rock filled, timber crib dams, and it is stated by the engineers of the Commission that this storage can be materially increased by further conservation works at Mud, Mississagagon, Kashwahanah, Buckshot and Grindstone Lakes. The storage is operated by the Mississippi Improvement Company, a private company which was formed by

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the power site owners downstream, the expenses of operation being met by the power users, including the Commission.

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(d) Merrickville Plant - Rideau Power Company

to the lines of the system is located on the Rideau River at Merrickville, and is owned and operated by the Rideau Power Company, Limited. This company supplies power to the system under a ten-year contract. The generating station has an installed capacity of one 1,750 horse-power turbine coupled to a 562-K.V.A., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 600-volt generator. Serious own without ages have occurred at this plant for protracted periods due to the operation of the Rideau Canal. Power is delivered to the Rideau System from this plant through the transformer station at Merrickville, which has a capacity of 750 K.V.A., and steps up the voltage from 600 to 26,400 volts for transmission to the lines of the system.

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Undeveloped Power Sites

on the Rississippi River about four miles upstream from the Righ Falls plant, commences a series of
four rapids known respectively as Ragged Chutes, 39 feet
head: Island Rapids, 30 feet head: Otter Rapids, 15 feet
head: and King Rapids, 24 feet head. These four rapids
aggregate about 116 feet total head, and reconnaissance
surveys made by the Commission indicate that an economical

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development may be made by taking in at least seventyseven feet and possibly the whole available head. Such a
development would be somewhat similar to that at High Falls
and would have the benefit of the same storage. A plant
of 3,000 to 4,000 horse-power might possibly be installed
at this site if the storage said to be possible be fully
utilized, and the local constructional conditions prove
feasible and economical, upon further investigation.

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The drainage area above this site is about 450 square miles, the minimum precipitation is said to be 31.5 inches, and the average 35 inches per annum. The minimum monthly run-off of the river is given as 96 cubic feet per second with a yearly average of 513 cubic feet per second. These figures are based on precipitation records from 1915 and on gaugings from the year 1919.

WJF. p.16

Miscellaneous Power Plants

boundaries of the territory included in the system, besides the two owned by the Commission. Of the ten, one is owned by an industrial company to develop energy for its own requirements and the other plants were originally developed to serve as public utilities. At the present time, the Rideau Power Company, Limited, Merrickville, and the two plants in the municipality of Almente are the only ones generating power for public consumption, besides these of

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the Commission. The remaining plants are idle, but are available for emergencies.

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A table of miscellaneous power plants in the district is given on page 17 of our Consulting Engineer's report.

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Transmission Lines

Up to October 31st, 1922, the Commission had constructed a total of 76.65 miles of high voltage transmission lines, forming a 26,400-volt network supplying the various municipalities. One district is supplied by means of a 2.300-volt line from the Balderson distributing station, a distance of 4.97 miles.

The transmission system is constructed on wooden poles throughout and presents no extraordinary **发心之类似于中心。** 直接 的主義 电磁器 网络人名西格兰斯拉斯山泉 高级的 自然的 自然的 计图记的标音计划或音乐器 电影

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Pransforming & Distributing Stations

The transmission lines feed the various municipalities at low voltage through five substations. Bach of those stations supplies only one municipality, with the exception of that at Balderson. This station supplies Lanark as well as the Village of Balderson.

In view of the fact that no power is developed by the St. Lawrence System and there is and may be a surplus of energy available from the Rideau System, and also because power may be purchased in quantity on the St. Lawrence System, 15

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provision has been made for the future inter-connection of these systems. The distributing equipment of the five stations of the system has all been designed to change the transmission of power from 26,400 volts as at present to 44,000 volts, being the voltage of the receiving stations of the St. Lawrence System.

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A table of transforming and distributing stations is given on page 19 of our Consulting Engineer's report.

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Local Distributing Systems

which the Commission distributes retail power to the consumers. The Commission acts as a wholesake distributor only and in all the municipalities the electricity is distributed by the municipality itself or by local commissions in the municipalities. It is understood that the accounting for all of the municipalities of the system of the Commission, and the details for the various municipalities are given in the Annual Reports.

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A map showing location of generating stations, transformer stations and transmission lines forms the frontispiece of this report.

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Capital Investment

Under authority of Order-in-Council dated July

4th, 1918, the Commission purchased the privately owned rights

in the undeveloped power site on the Mississippi River, to- UJF.
gether with certain lands for \$10,478.00. The Order-in
Jouncil empowered the Commission:

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- 1. To acquire by purchase or lease or otherwise the necessary lands, waters, water privileges and water powers for the developing of the said water power.
- 2.. To purchase the prosssary material and equipment for construction of plant for generation of 3,000 horse-power of electrical energy and for its transfermation for transmission to the various municipalities in that district.
- 3. To purchase the necessary material and equipment for the construction of transmission lines
 and transformer stations for the delivery of
 the said power to the various municipalities in
 that district.

The construction of a power development on this site was commenced in 1918 and completed in May 1920. It is commonly known as the "Righ Falls Power Development".

Council dated May 20th, 1919, the Commission purchased for \$60,000.00 from the town of Garleton Place a power plant on the Mississippi River, consisting in the main of a dam, buildings, machinery, etc., together with a tract of land, and seventy-five shares of capital stock of a par value of

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3100 each of the Mississippi River Improvement Company. Limited, on which \$4,125.00 had been paid representing assessments to that date against the shareholders. The Commission did not take up on its books a separate valuation of this capital stock due to the ancertain value thereof. Further information relative to the Mississippi kiver inprovement Company is given on Exhibit V of Mesers. Price. Waterhouse & Company's report on the Rideau System dated CONTRACT BUT ME TO THE TOTAL STREET November 7th, 1922,

The investment in the plant, equipment, etd., of the Rideau System for the four years ending October Slat. 1921, is as follows:

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	1918	1919	1920	1921	May
Power Development Wood Pole Lines Transformer Stations	\$ 30,985 103,469 17,174	3430,516 218,717 32,234	\$748,941 233,602 49.844	\$756,285 260,654 57.065	P.W.
Total	\$151,598		1,032,867\$	agenerated in the first the second of the se	000

The investment of \$756,285 in the power developments is represented by:

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In a letter dated June 26th, 1918, addressed to sir the adjusted frame of the line of Francis Appaired Stone State and Sillian Hearst by the Chairman of the Commission is contained posters proceeding by one describes on first-10 del the delayer). the following information regarding the estimated cost of the High Fulls Development: the same and the same and the same and the same

"The work contemplated consists of the complete development of the High Falls for 3000 horsepower, and 22 miles of high tension line to Perth at a total estimated cost of \$340.000."

It will therefore be noted that the actual cost exceeded the estimate by more than 100%.

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In addition to the horse-power generated by the come that, Ditty the entire or of the Commission, a considerable amount is purchased from the kideau Power Company, Limited. For purposes of comparison the much an remaining our for Physics Street, following table is submitted showing the capital cost per plant horse-power developed plus power purchased:

	1919 1920	1921	
Power Development Transmission Lines	\$357.50 \$196.30 181.70 61.30	\$204.50 70.40	
Transforming and Distributing Stations	26.80 13.10	15.50	p.32
20 4 8 1 -	\$566.00 \$270.70	\$290.40	

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The expenditures on the Rideau System were made out of moneys advanced by the Province of Ontario and the following is a comparison of the advances by the Province with expenditures of the Commission by years:

Period	Advances by Province	Expandi tures by Commission	Unexpended Cverexpended
Your Ending		Mary 20 Sept Service	
October 31 st	A MINE EN		
1916	\$107,945.00	\$151,598.61	\$43,653.61
1919	500,000.00	529,868.8?	29,868.37
1920	363,000.70	350,920.94	\$12,079.06 p.8
1921	42,416.07	41,616,63	TO DE SA
Total-	\$1,013,561.07	\$1,074,004.45	

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The funds to meet the expenditures, made by the Commission, in excess of the sums advanced by the Province were obtained from advances made for the purposes of other systems.

mission estimated that additional funds of \$100,000.00 and of \$20,000.00 respectively will be required for the Rideau System during the fiscal years1922 and 1923 to complete minor extensions and betterments at High Falls and other stations in the system, together with expenditures on account of rural Aise tribution. If these expenditures are carried out, the total investment in the Rideau System at the close of the fiscal year 1925 will be approximately \$1,194,000.00.

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Reserve for Renewals

October 31st, 1921, amounted to \$58,565.47.

buring the period from the commencement of operations in 1918 to October 31st, 1920, the additions to the reserve for renewals in respect of proporties of the Rideau System were provided through the inclusion in the cost of power to the municipalities of an annual charge of 2.25% on the capital investment. Interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the balance p.W.

on the recommendation of its engineers, the commission commencing in the Mocal year 1921 reduced the annual renewal rate from 2.25% to 1.85% on the total capital investment while the interest rate of 4% remained unchanged. The accounts of the Commission were se adjusted that the rate of 1.85% was made effective from 1918 to October 51st, 1920, and the same rate obtained to October 31st, 1921. The amount of the adjustment by years is as follows:

Particular		1919	1920	Togothor
Daduation	in annual provision	\$749.37	\$2.576.75	\$3.328.12 29.98
Reduction	in interest thereon	\$749.37	\$2,608.73	\$3,338.10

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The balance of \$38,365.47 in the reserve account after giving effect to the aforenated reduction comprises the OP PORRELL SAME followings especial 11 is the

Particulars	Provision	Interest	Together	
1918 to Oct.31,1919(part year) Fiscal year ending Oct. 31st.	\$3,465.85	re receiving the agent the above multiple year of the specific plant and specific plant and the specific plant and	\$3,465.85	
1920	11,926.83	\$156.62 621.25	12,065.45 19,819.06	
Togother o antige of the tetal course	\$34,590.49	\$759.87	\$35,350.36	
Add - Reserve applicable to equipment transferred to the system Interest applicable	4	2,967.75		
Deduct - Sundry Charges	La berenti	mmenger tegenselette einer op die en tegenselet en die	\$58,472.98 107,51	
			\$30,365.47	P.W. p.12

The annual rate of 1.85% was determined by a reclassification of the properties as reflected in the book accounts, as at October 31st, 1920, made by the Engineering Department of the Commission. The actual rate arrived at was 1.846% while 1.85% was adopted as a matter of accounting conventence. In arriving at the above mentioned rate, clerical errors in the computation thereof were made. The rate should have been 1.228% instead of 1.846%, a difference of .618%. p.13

It is understood that it is the practice of the Commission to spend sufficient money on maintainance account each year so as to keep each and every portion of the system

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in a condition to operate in accordance with the requirements
of economical production, which it is stated is considered to be
about 75 per cent. as good as its original new condition. This
being so, it is considered that the renewal account should be
applied to only 25% of the capital concerned.

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At the present time, the total depreciable capital is probably between \$800,000 and \$900,000 while the reserve for renewals to the end of 1921 was about \$38,000. As a large portion of the total depreciable capital has been invested within the past three years, our Consulting Engineer expresses the opinion that the present total accumulations of the fund as applicable to 25 per cent. Of the depreciable capital is somewhat larger than is necessary.

Reserve for Sinking Fund

As the Rideau System has not served any municipality with electrical energy for a period of five years, no
payments have been made in respect of sinking fund in
accordance with the provision of Section 23 of the Power
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Reserve for Contingencies

The reserve for contingencies as at October Slat,

1921, amounted to \$1,183.31. This reserve has been established

by the Commission under authority of Section 14b of the Power

Commission act for the purpose of providing for special losses

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applicable to the period in which incurred. The balance in P.W. D.14 the reserve as mentioned above consists of the following:

Annual Provision " \$207.70 Year ending October 31st, 1919 1920 = 4 200 409.38 532,90 1921 the second second

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In view of the heavy losses which might be occasioned through estastrophe, our Consulting Engineer expresses the opinion that the reserve to thould be augmented by increasing the annual allowance, and when the reserve of say \$15,000 or \$20,000 will have been built up the rates can be adjusted to suit conditions found after several further years of experience.p.45

Accounts with Municipalities

Accounts with municipalities are divided by the Commission in the main as follows:

- (a) Power Accounts Receivable
- Due by or to municipalities in respect of (b) the cost of power furnished them as determined under the Power Commission Act.

P.T. p.15.

(a) Power Accounts Receivable

The balance in power accounts receivable at October 31st, 1921, amounted to \$45,272.20. These accounts represent unpaid balances in respect of interim power bills which are paid currently by the municipalities. At September 20th,

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1922, the accounts going to make up the above balance had all been paid.

(b) Due by or to municipalities
in Respect of the Cost of Power

At the close of each fiscal year the interim

power bills rendered menthly are adjusted to meet the operating

costs of the system as provided by the Power Commission Act.

From an examination of the accounts to October Slat, 1921, it does not appear to be the practice of the municipalities to pay in each these additional charges, but instead the Commission increases the interim rates in subsequent periods and thereby reduces the accumulated deficits of prior periods. COPY

Section 23a of the Power Commission Act provides that:

"The Commission may from time to time during the first three years after any municipality shall first begin to take power from the Commission extend the time for payment of the sums payable by any municipality."

at October 31st, 1921, the following amounts were owing by or to the municipalities in the kideau System in respect of the cost of power:

Kunicipality	Debit Gredit	
Lanark And And Resident	\$ 898.58 \$4,086.85	Validadi Negative
Smith's Falls	2,632,06	PW. p.16

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Results of Operation

Power is supplied to the municipalities on the Rideau Sys.om on a cost basis as outlined in the Power Commission Act. The cost of such power includes:-

- 1. Operating and maintenance expenses.
 - Interest on moneys invested in the works of the system. It was an invested to the system.
 - Provision for the renewal of the works.
- 4. Sinking fund on a thirty year basis to repay the investment in the system. (Not get provided for as the municipalities have not been in operation for a period of five years during which time sinking fund payments are deferred.) PRESENTED AND THE PERSONS IN

The operating account of the system from the com-

mencement of operations to October 31st, 1921, is as follows

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Particulars	Month of otober, 1918	Year en 1919	ding Octo	ber 31, 1921
Revenue from municipalities	\$494	\$27,351	\$65,523	\$89,014
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges, etc:	may and produce and an an analysis of the major of differential field in Annual	elphagete-violenten trouge elemanis er verst elemanis er verst elemanis elemanis elemanis elemanis elemanis el	gidagan digisadi ninga Yantagay Andigan Pingadin Hinga T- nagas menenakan h	elementegiske militarieren von ein stepten bester normlanningen vern vor met men zegerelle
Power Purchased	994975	9 9,366	\$ 6,705	\$ 5.077
Operating	9211	1,382	5,074	6,368
Maintonanco	64	859	5,132	2,511
Overhead & General Expens	38	3,202	6,330	6,111
Interest	181	8,119	29,368	47,216
Renewals	Ser	4,215	14,505	19,198
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Contingencies		206	409	533
	\$494	\$27,351	\$65,523	\$89,014
Horse-power billed		830.8	1637.5	2131.7
Cost per horse-power billed		\$32.92	\$40.02	\$41.76 WJY.

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in the published accounts of the Commission and do not include the adjustment made in respect of renewal charges in 1921, the effect of which is a reduction in the cost of slightly less than \$1.00 per horse-power in 1919 and approximately \$1.57 in 1920.

From the above it will be noted that the cest of power increased from approximately \$32.92 per horse-power in 1919 to \$41.76 in 1921 or about 26%.

The following table showing the details per horsepower billed indicates in what respects and to what extents the operating costs and fixed charges have varied:

CO	PY 1919	1920	1921	
Power Purchased Operating Costs Maint enance Overhead and General Interest Renowals Sinking Fund	\$11.27 1.67 1.03 Expense 3.86 3,75 5.06	\$ 4.10 5.10 1.91 5.86 17.94 6.86	\$ 2.38 3.93 1.16 2.86 22.16 9.00	7.52 p.52
Contingencies 2 o t n	.25 1 s \$32.92	\$40.02	\$41.76	

Fover is purchased from the Rideau Power Company,
Limited, at \$14.00 per horse-power under the terms of a contract dated January 25th, 1918. The amount of power purchased
during the period under review is by years as follows:

Year Horse-Power Purchased					
1919	669	1250 a Lett	P.W.		
1920	4.79		p.11		
1921	SAS				

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The variations shown in the above table of costs are largely due to the decreased quantity of power purchased and the increased quantities produced by the Commission's power plants.

The revenue shown in the aforestated operating account includes the final power bills rendered the municipalities to adjust the interim rates to actual cost. The inter im rates charged for power exceeded in the aggregate the actual cost thereof in the years 1919 and 1921 in the amounts of \$2,272 and \$1,468 respectively; while in the year 1920 they failed to meet actual cost in the amount of \$3,144.

following is a statement of the estimates furnished the various minicipalities by the Commission, showing the estimated load and estimated cost together with actual loads taken by the municipalities and the actual cost per hor so-power:

Carleton Place

Estimatos	Estimated Load	Estimated Cost
December 23, 1913	100 h.p.	\$48.84
January 8, 1919	No ostimate	27.89 - 32.18 33.00
Actual Load & Cost	Load	Cost
Fiscal year 1919 1920 1921	246.8 h.p. 616.8 h.p.	\$20.63 33.75
Average	730.0 h.p. 551.2	43.27 36.08

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May 29th, 1920	50 h.p.	\$107.01
Actual Load & Cost	Losd	Coat
1921	3.2 h.p.	\$73.15

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Actual Load A	Cost	Load	Cost
Fiscal year	1919	145.5 h.p.	\$55.15
	COPY	382.0 h.p.	44.99
	1921)	524.1 h.p.	43.77
Average		350.5.h.p.	45.74

Smith's Palls

Estimates	Estimated Load	Ratinated Cost
September 6th, 1913	1,000 h.p. 2,000 h.p.	\$57.26 26.01
pape December 25rd, 1915	300 h.p. 1,000 h.p. 2,000 h.p.	52.07 34.02 27.35
May 19th, 1916	1.500 h.p. 2,000 h.p.	32.66 - 34.32 28.35 - 29.59
Actual Lied & Cost	Load	Cost
Fiscal year 1919 1920 1921	385.9 h.p. 586.7 h.p. 874.4 h.p.	\$28.40 36.06 59.27 P.W.
Average	615.7 h.p.	55.95 Ex.1.

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by to October Slat, 1921, there were no rural lines served by the Rideau dystem.

POWER DATA

Population Served and Percentage
of Consumers to Population

only, there being no rural lines built to October Slat, 1922.

The bulk of the load is carried by the various municipalities

Two of these are small, having population of less than 1,000 each.

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"Municipal branksties" of the Province of Ontario for 1921 gives a total population of about 50,000 for those portions of the Counties of Lanark, Grenville, Leeds, Frontenac, Renfrew and Carleton, which are tributaries to the Rideau System. At October 31st, 1921, the total population in the four municipalities served by the system was about 14,800 persons, with about 3,200 consumers. As most of the towns tributary to the Rideau System are already supplied either by the Commission or by municipally owned plants or by privately owned plants, the greater part of the remainder can only be supplied by a fairly extensive system of rural lines. The four municipalities now served were billed with about 2,132 THE ADDRESS DEPOSITIONS OF THE PARTY OF THE horse-power in 1921. During the first ten months of the fiscal our side, and the emergic horacognist status may dealer upon year 1922 the power billed, including the added municipalities BARR STATE THE APPROXISE PARTY OF STREETS OF PROPERTY AND POST OFFI of Balderson and Kempt ville, was about 2,118 horse-power.

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This also includes the power supplied to the Grenville Rock Company during the last six months of the fiscal year. The billed power for 1923 will probably increase by 500 horse-power or more, made up largely of the load of the Grenville Rock Company. This company, it is understood, commenced to take power about April, 1922. The contract contemplates that 650 heres-power will be used, with possible additions in future. The normal growth of the system will doubtless require several hundred horse-power as well.

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The following table gives in detail the number of consumers at the end of the fiscal year 1921 in the places served by the Consider the approximate herse-power billed to each place in 1921, and the average horse-power per consumer in 1921.

Table of Market Statistics

Consumer	Popu- lation	Number of Consum- ors	Percentage Consumers to Popula- tion	H.P. Billod in 1921	H.P. Billed per Consumer	
Carleton Place	3,430	827	24.1	730.0	0.88	
Lanark	625	107	17.1	5.2	0.03	
Parther of new	3,630	805	22.1	524.1	0.65	WJF.
Smith's Falls	6,665	1,481	21.5	874.4	0.61	p.21
Totals	14,350	3,168	22.5	2,131.7		

the place of participation law through the owner. The average horse-power billed per consumer in 1921 was 0.67, and the average horse-power billed per capita was 0.15 while the average ratio of consumers to population served 10 22.5%

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Growth of Market and Ultimate Sources of Power Supply

System in September, 1918, the growth has been fairly steady except for a decrease of about 260 horse-power during 1921.

The loads for the system are as follows, the figures being given in horse-power for the month of October in each year:

1919 - 1306 1920 - 2304 1921 - 2043.5.

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These figures are the sum of the loads in October for the various municipalities Addo not show the actual peaks on the system, but they do indicate the growth of the demand.

The ultimate source of power supply for the Rideau System when all the available local plants will have been used to full capacity, or also discarded, is uncoubtedly transmitted power from large plants contemplated at Carillen, thats falls and Bryson on the Ottawa River, or at the Chalson and the Paugan sites on the Catineau River, where large amounts of power aggregating several hundred thousand herespower can be made available. The proposed development of the St. Lawrence River powers could doubtless provide all of the power necessary for the Rideau System, but it would probably be more economical to use the Ottawa and Ontineau River sites.

If the Rideau System and the Ottawn System be sztended southwards and eastwards, and the St. Lawrence System

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be extended northwards, it is possible that in the future interconnecting lines may be constructed so that any of these systems might receive power either from the water powers on the 3t. Lawrence River or from the Ottava and Outineau Rivers.

The present indications are that the notual total amount of power required for the Rideau System will not reach the capacity of the various local generating stations and sites within the system for some years to come.

the problem of serving rural customers is diffieult as the average number of consumers per mile is small,
the experience of the commission being that only three or
four per mile on the average are obtainable.

a shortege of power at high Falls and Merrickville, and that some of the small plants elsewhere have had to be put into service to supply the recent demand for power. The demands will undoubtedly increase and it is undoestood that applications are already before the Commission for a considerable mileage of new lines to serve rural districts. There are many small places in the district which do not yet receive power, from the Rideau System.

In certain centres, for example, at Almonte and Merrickville, the people are apparently satisfied to continue under their present private arrangements. From the table of

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miscellaneous plante shown on page 17 of our Consulting Engineer's report on the system, and from the fact that large new privately owned power developments are contem-THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AND plated within easy transmission distance, it is evident ON THE REST OF THE PARTY OF THE that a large capacity of private power plants could be made available to serve the whole of the easterly portion of Ontario in competition with the Commission. Alternativewhere the party of the party of ly, it is possible that some of these plants would consider selling large blocks of power to the Commission under wholesale conditions and allow the Commission to do the distribu-WJP. tion without compositions COPY

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In the foregoing sections of this report comment
has been introduced from time to time to make the various
statements clear. No public hearing was held in reference
to matters connected with this system, in consequence of which
the report is based entirely upon facts and figures supplied
in the official reports of the Accountants, Nessra. Price.
Waterhouse and Company, and the Consulting Engineer, Mr. walter
J. Francis. In order to circot attention to the matters on
which the Commission of desire to give particular attention
hereunder is given a brief summary of the points which appear
to require special consideration.

1. Canital Investment ("General Economics" p. 16-17)

The total capital investment as at decoder 31st, 1921, quounted to \$1.074,004. Of this amount \$736.285 represents investments in power developments at High falls and Carleton place, and the balance constitutes the Commission's investment in wood pole transmission lines and transformer stations. The capital assets contain little, if any, intangibles, as the amount of \$10,478.00 paid by the Commission for the undeveloped power site on the Mississippi River included also certain acreage at the site of development.

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2. Capital Expenditures

exceed Estimates ("General Economics" - p.18)

when appropriation to cover the sest of the High ralls development was requested, the Theirman of the Commis-

"The work contemplated consists of the complete development of the High Falls for 5000 horse-power, and 22 miles of high tension line to Porth at a total estimated cost of \$340,000."

The actual cost of this development at October

31st. 1921, is stated by our inditors to be \$695,414.00. Consequently it will be noted that the actual cost has exceeded

the estimate by more than 100%. The Chief Ragineer of the
Commission has Colombead to give details devering the
cost of this work, but to date the information has not been
given. Then it is available a study will be made.

3. Expenditures exceed Appropriations ("General Economics" - p.19)

in analysis of the advances made by the Province compared with the expenditures made by the Commission shows that in all, an amount of \$60.643.38 has been expended by the Commission over and above cash advanced to it for the purposes of the system by the Province. The funds to meet the expenditures made by the Commission in excess of the sums advanced by the Province were obtained from advances made for the purposes of other systems and it will be necessary for the Commission to obtain a further advance from the Province to cover this amount.

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4. Reserve for Lenewals ("General Economics" - p.20)

on the basis that the Commission sets aside a fund in respect of renewal reserve. our Consulting Engineer expresses the opinion that the total accumulations as of Outober Slat, 1921, were somewhat larger than necessary.

5. Reserve for Sinking Jund ("General Economics" - p.22)

Commission act to defer collection of sinking fund during the first five years of operation. As no municipality on the system has been receiving electrical energy for a period of five years, no payments have yet been made in respect of sinking fund.

5. Reserve for Contingencies ("General Economics" - p.22)

amounted to only \$1.163.31. Our Consulting Engineer expresses the opinion that the reserve should be augmented by increasing the annual allowance until an amount of \$15,000 or \$20,000 will have been built up.

7. Accounts with Municipalities ("General Economics" - p.23-24)

The balance in power accounts receivable at October Slat, 1921, amounted to \$45,272.20. As at September 20th, 1922, the accounts going to make up this balance had all been point.

The accumulated balances as of October 31st, 1521, over the whole period of operations show that there was a debit balance against the municipality of Perth in the amount

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Lenerk and Smith's Falls totalling \$3,805.68. Parth had not been in operation for the full priod of three years as at October 31st, 1921, and the Commission, therefore, have the right under the Act to defer payment of this debit balance.

6. Results of Speritor ("General Economics" - p. 25)

The cost of power in the system increased from The world spirituling where the his worker file has not than approximately \$32.92 per here -pow r in 1919 to 341.76 in 1921, named the walking process of the desired from the same of the same or an increase of about 26,0. The major part of this increase DEALERS OF PARTY AND PERSONS ASSESSED AND PARTY AND PARTY AND PARTY AND PARTY AND PARTY AND PARTY. occurred in 1920 when the High Falls development plant came into operation. Previous to this time the requirements of the system had been supplied by the purchase of power, the cost of which in 1919 was \$11.27 per horse-power delivered to the Commission, the balance of the cost being made up of operating and fixed charges. In 1920 and 1921 the power purchased only represented \$4.10 and \$2.38 per horso-power respectively of the cost of power delivered to the municipalities. Interest on the investment on the High Falls plant represented \$17.34 and \$22.16 per heres-power respectively, the balances being made up of operating and fixed charges.

9. Comparison of Estimated Power Costs
with actual Power Costs ("General Economics" p.27-8)

The figures that we have been able to obtain make it difficult to compare year by year actual power costs with estimated costs, but from the information submitted by our

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Accountants, it would appear that the Commission in a general way have kept well within the estimates which they originally submitted to the municipalities.

is a condition which has not generally prevailed in the smaller systems which have been investigated up to the present time.

and the condition prevailing in the Rideau Bystem in this respect is still more striking when it is noted that, in many cases, the actual loads taken by the municipalities have been considerably less than the loads originally estimated upon.

10. Future Sources of Power ("General Economics" + p.31)

Generally speaking the growth of power consumption in the system has been fairly steady, the amount taken in 1918 being 414 horse-power, and in 1921, 2,044 horse-pow r. It will be necessary for the Commission within the course of a few years DAK DAME TROWN BY MALL DAY to obtain power from some other source, and unless the develop-STREET, STREET, SQUARE, SQUARE DO ALMON DO NY ment of the St. Lawrence Alver for power purposes is available at that time, it would appear that the most legical source of supply is by the purchase of power from large plants which as positive to be remitted to are contemplated at Carillon, Chats Fails and Bryson on the Ottawa River, or at the Chelses and the Paugan sites on the CHARLESON, NY THE PERSONNELLY BE USE Gatineau River. These will be large and relatively inexpensive developments, and it would appear that the Commission should carefully investigate the purchasing of power from these plants before installing any works of their own which would entail comparatively high development costs.

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ADDENDA

It has recently been brought to our attention that the Commission has made substantial reductions in the renewal rates charged in various systems and that such reductions have been made retroactive to the date of first operation.

Memorandum re Reduction of Renewal Rates on the Rideau System

On December 2012. 1922, the Commission passed the following Minute reducing the renewal rates on the Rideau System:

"The Chief Engineer having recommended a revised depreciation rate, calculated on the basis of the life of the equipment, also having advised that this matter had been taken up with Mr. Francis and approved, it was decided that the depreciation rate for Rideau System should be fixed at 1.0%, and that this rate be made retreactive to date of first operation."

The rate used by the Commission was 1.85 per cent.

and this revision has resulted in a reduction of the rate of
.85 per cent.

of Hydro accounts in the absence of Mr. Pierdon, that the effect of this revision has resulted in a reduction of the renewal reserve of \$16,242.07, of which \$15,609.52 has been applied as a credit to the municipalities and \$632.55 as a

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credit to the Rideau Power Development. The amount of \$15,609.5% credited to the municipalities has the effect of reducing the cost of power to them throughout the entire period of operation to October 31st, 1921, and would reduce the balances owing by them at that date in corresponding amounts.

The operating figures in this report are also subject to revision, especially the annual cost per horse-power.

In view of the instructions given no attempt
has been made to constitute figures in order that they may
conform with the changes recently made, but it is pointed
out that in reporting to the Government some reference should
be made to the reduction that has been made in the renewal
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